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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006 (Paper No. 20060103), which is a final rejection, and is being timely submitted by December 10, 2006, in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for a two-month extensions of time to and including December 10, 2006. This response is being filed in lieu of an Appeal Brief following the filing of a Notice of Appeal on July 10, 2006. This Amendment After Final is accompanied by the simultaneous submission of a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows, where any deletions are stricken through and any insertions are underlined.